

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2007      12:00 P.M.      Room 326 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Ball, Meekhof. (10/11)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Nitz. (1/11)**

Representative Sheltroun made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 7, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Byrum made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Mitch Irwin, Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), provided an overview of Michigan's agriculture industry, programs and funding.

Questions from Committee members were answered by Dr. Steve Halstead, DVM, MDA State Veterinarian, and Director Irwin.

Director Irwin also introduced Phyllis Mellon, MDA Chief Deputy Director, Bob Andorfer, MDA Webmaster, Bridget Medina, MDA Director of Communications, and Nancy Nyquist, MDA Department Analyst.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 1:04 p.m.

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Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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